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## HOGSETT ANNOUNCES TEN YEAR SENTENCE FOR EVANSVILLE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY TRAFFICKER

## PRESS RELEASE

TERRE HAUTE - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Christopher Anderson, 38, of Evansville, was sentenced to 126 months (more than ten years) in prison by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty pleas to charges of transportation and possession of child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations and the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force.

"Thanks to the tireless work of our local and federal partners, we are sending a powerful message that there will be no tolerance for child exploitation," Hogsett said. "This is just the latest in a growing list of prosecutions as part of our Project Safe Childhood initiative."

On April 26, 2010, while residing in Knox County, Anderson transported a number of images of child pornography to an undercover officer in the United Kingdom. During his arrest on June 14, 2010, Anderson was found to possess additional child pornography videos at his home in Vanderburgh County.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed lifetime supervised release following Anderson's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Anderson must comply with sex offender treatment, and may not have unsupervised contact with minors, among other conditions.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <a href="https://www.projectsafechildhood.gov">www.projectsafechildhood.gov</a>.